



*Celebrating 90 years*

# St Cecilia's Catholic School, Balgowlah

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## School Prayer

At St Cecilia's Catholic School we are committed to learning together within an environment that reflects the Gospel values. **God of Love, Bless our school. Teach us to respect others and your Creation. Encourage us to be our best. Inspire us to treat others the way we want to be treated. Lead us to help people in need. Be with us as we celebrate the many gifts you have given us.** St Cecilia, pray for us

**Core Value:** *Respect*

**School Rule:** Respect yourself, others and the environment

**Scripture:** Each one of you is part of the body of Christ and you were chosen to live together in peace: Colossians 3:15

**Story:** The Ten Commandments: Care for property

## Principal's News



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## Lent: the journey continues...

How is your Lenten commitment going? Perhaps you have chosen to give up chocolate or junk TV viewing. Teach your child the reason why we 'give up' things during Lent. It helps us to be other-centred, to not take life for granted, to be disposed to helping people in need. Like exercise, Lenten practices strengthen our spiritual muscle; we master our desires for a loving purpose.

'Lord God, make our hearts strong, in order to love!' [walkingtheway.dbbco.org](http://walkingtheway.dbbco.org)

## Dear Parents

### ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020

Enrolments for 2020 are now open. If you have a young child ready to start school in 2020 it is important to collect an enrolment package from the office and return it at your earliest convenience. Be sure to spread the word to family and friends, we conduct tours every Wednesday at 10:30am through until the end of May. No need to book an appointment.

### READING WORKSHOP KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 1 PARENTS TUESDAY 19 MARCH 7:30PM

Kindergarten parents are invited to attend a workshop aimed at supporting you to help your child with reading at home. When parents and the school work together to assist students the child always benefits. Any parent with a Year 1 child or older who is struggling to get their child to read at home is also welcome to attend. We have intentionally made the meeting quite late as we are mindful of parents needing to attend to the normal bedtime routines of young children and would like as many parents to attend as possible.

### STUDENT SPECIALIST REPORTS

From time to time students require specialist reports from Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Paediatricians or the like. When sharing these with the school please hand the reports directly to the office and not the class teacher. Once the reports have been receipted and you have signed a release of information, we will ensure that the class teacher receives the report.

## 90 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF OUR SCHOOL

This year St Cecilia's celebrates 90 years of educating children. We are seeking the help of parents who might be interested in working on a committee to help coordinate a year of celebration. Some of the suggestions so far include the banner you see on our school fence, reaching out to past students to collect photos and other such memorabilia as well as planning a day of festivities for the feast of St Cecilia in November this year. Please consider helping on this committee.

## PARISH COLOUR RUN

**Family Colour Fun Run Sunday 31 March 2pm – 4.00pm at St Augustine's College Oval**

The North Parish Community Centre at Manly Vale is now 20 years old and needs refurbishment including painting, new carpets and bathroom renovations. The Parish needs the support of the North Harbour Community to help fund this refurbishment. A fundraising **Colour Fun Run involving the whole family** is planned for 31 March. Be sure to save the date it promises to be lots of fun. Click [here](#) for more information.



## POP UP PLAY

Our first Pop-Up-Play opportunity for 2019 will be held on Friday 29 March. The group is open to all pre-schoolers and their parents particularly children starting kindergarten in 2020. Pop up Play is held in the Secret Garden. Thank you to Liz Psychogios who will again coordinate the group. Dates for Term 2 are Tuesday 7 May and Friday 14 June, 9am-10:15am.

## PARENT TEACHER STUDENT INTERVIEWS

At St Cecilia's formal parent, teacher, student interviews are traditionally held after the mid-year reports go home in June. This year teachers are proposing they are held in week 2 of next term, early May, before the reports go home. More information regarding the booking system for the interviews will be sent home in the coming weeks. In the meantime if you have a concern regarding your child please be assured you can ask Sue in the office to book an interview with the class teacher at any time before or after school.

In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus  
In all things may God be Glorified.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fran Taylor'.

Fran Taylor  
Principal

## **Religious Education**

### KINDERGARTEN: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE:

#### **'Belonging to God's Family'**



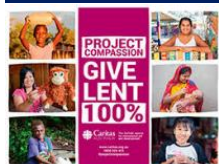
This module focuses on how we experience love as members of God's family. We belong to God's family just because we are part of God's creation. As baptised people, we are also members of the church family. We are loved and supported by our church family, but are also called to reach out to other people in love, especially those in need. Like our own families and our school family, our church family is a community where God's love is expressed. Children will be invited to explore being part of family as a way to come to know God's love.

### GOOD SAM DAY: Friday 8 March

Many thanks to all the students for their participation and enthusiasm last Friday. The students made sticky labels with messages of **Hope** on them and reflected upon the season of lent by writing a prayer or by creating a reflection about what Lent means for them. The students were most generous in their support of Caritas. We raised a total of \$313.



### SOCIAL JUSTICE: PROJECT COMPASSION



Throughout Lent, students are encouraged to continue to donate to **Project Compassion**. Our Social Justice leaders will complete a weekly tally to track the school's fundraising progress. Money raised will contribute to the many wonderful programs supported by Caritas <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please pray for our Year 3 students and their families as the children prepare to make their First Reconciliation on one of the following days:

- Tuesday 28 March at 7pm at St Kieran's Church
- Tuesday 2 April at 7pm at St Cecilia's Church
- Wednesday 3 April at 7pm at St Kieran's Church



### **ST PATRICK'S DAY-FRIDAY 15 MARCH**

This Friday please encourage your child to wear a touch of green so we can celebrate St Patrick's Day which will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS**

Year **2B** will participate in Parish Mass on **Wednesday 20 March**. All parents are welcome to join us.

### **'FAMILIES COME GATHER' MASSES**

Our next **Families Come Gather** Mass will be on **Sunday 24 March**. Year **4** students and their families will be involved in this Mass. Year 4 parents, please check your email for the 'SignUp Genius' link to volunteer for Mass roles.

### **PRAYER ASSEMBLY**

Our next prayer assembly will be led by **3B** on **Monday 18 March**. The assembly will begin at **2:30pm** in the church.

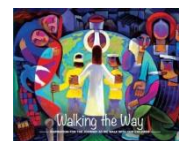
### **CELEBRATING LENT**

Here are some more suggestions for putting Lent into practice at home and deepen your family's faith one day at a time:

- **Day 6:** Give up a treat for a day or so, it might be one of your favourite foods.
- **Day 7:** Read a book about your faith. Discuss what you learn with your children
- **Day 8:** Give your support to someone in need at home, at work, at school. Realize that siding with the vulnerable is a core belief of our faith.
- **Day 9:** Take a walk with one of your family members one-on-one. Or work on a fun project together. Spend time connecting and sharing joy.
- **Day 10:** Participate in *The Stations of the Cross for Families* and reflect as family on how each of 'The Stations' can be applied to our daily lives. (Downloadable from diocesan website at [www.dbb.org.au/family](http://www.dbb.org.au/family))

### **WALKING THE WAY**

Walking the Way is a school-based initiative in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, designed to encourage parents in their sacred task of accompanying their children on their journey with God. There are four elements: Book & video / E-Bulletin / Parent gatherings / Annual retreat. Click here to view <http://walkingtheway.dbbcsso.org/archive-2019-year-c.html>



## **School News**

### **WEEKLY AWARDS**

We congratulate this week's Awards' recipients.



<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Respect Core Value</b>	<b>Merits</b>
<b>KB:</b>	Havana G	Arabella B and Max O
<b>KW</b>	Madeleine R	Alena W and Campbell F
<b>1B:</b>	Hugh M	Ella S and Miranda C
<b>1W:</b>	Charlotte C	Emma P and Hugo R
<b>2B:</b>	Charlie G	Sophie H and Rose A
<b>2W:</b>	Molly S	Hudson B and Clarissa W
<b>3B:</b>	Will C	Eva C and Will S-G
<b>3W:</b>	Ava V	Luisa A and Hunter S
<b>Yr 4</b>	Sophie M and Marnie W	William S, Lyla R-D, Konrad B and Jessana B
<b>Yr 5/6</b>	Lily T-A and Elenor B	Molly O, Monet D and Sophie T

### **UPCOMING DATES**

#### **March**

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Wear a touch of green for St Patrick's Day  
 Mon 18<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Prayer Assembly – 3B  
 Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Kinder & Yr 1+ Reading Workshop  
 Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Leaders Mass  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 2.30pm Millie Smith clothing  
 Sun 24<sup>th</sup> FCG Mass Yr 4  
 Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Polding Swimming  
 NAPLAN Online readiness trial Yr 5  
 Fri 29<sup>th</sup> 9am Pop up Play  
 Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Parish Colour Fun Run

#### **April**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> NAPLAN Online readiness trial Yr 3  
 Mon 8<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Prayer/Core Value Assembly 2W  
 Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day  
 Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day  
 Fri 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Week Liturgy  
 11.30am Cross Country  
 End Term 1  
 Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Term 2 Commences  
 2.30pm ANZAC Day Litur

### GOOD SAM DAY

In class we have been looking at people and countries around the world who live under extreme pressure or have been displaced from their country due to the outbreak of civil wars. These people have been assisted by a charity called Caritas Australia. Last week, everyone in the school brought in a coin to donate to Project Compassion. As a school we have decided to donate the money raised to Project Compassion which is run by Caritas Australia. In doing this we helped people in need and people who are less fortunate than us. Every class designed their own stickers of Hope, with a meaningful message written on it. These stickers were a great way for each student to stop and think about those who we were giving hope to.



### CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Caritas Australia is a program that is run for people in need around the world, for example a girl in Zimbabwe called Thandolwayo. She is young girl who is our age and has to travel three hours every day to the only water supply near her village. The water that she was collecting made their stomachs sore and meant that the children were tired for learning. Caritas Australia helps people like Thandolwayo through Project Compassion where we donate money so that Caritas Australia can provide clean water to young girls like Thandolwayo and other people in her village.

In our school we can help Caritas by donating a gold coin to Project Compassion. For example, if we raise \$5 we can provide a school in the Solomon Islands with clean tap water each day. If we raise \$45 it can provide students in Zimbabwe with school stationery supplies. If we raise \$100 we can supply the First Australians with nutritional food for a community bush picnic to strengthen cultural bonds to the community and country. This is how our school are giving hope to the people who need it in the world for Lent.

### YOUNG ARCHIE

On behalf of the Creative Arts Leadership Team, we would like to congratulate all the students who participated in the Young Archie Competition. The following students have been selected to represent the school in the Young Archie Competition: Elenor B, Amalia C, Isabella Ch, Sienna H, Maddie E, Annika W, Emma P, Justine A, Scarlett H & Amy T.

## Parent Network News

**PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE:** Click [here](#) for the 2018 booklet. The 2019 version will be available shortly.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Team!

I hope you are all having a great week!

I just wanted to remind everyone to keep volunteering! Your efforts have been great this year and we love having so many parents help out. If you haven't volunteered yet this term, please consider jumping in at the Canteen. It really is so much fun to see all of the kids' faces so happy!

Also, please take a look at the flyer below for the North Harbour Parish Family Colour Run. It will take place on 31 March at St Augustine's and is a fun way to have a fit afternoon with the kids. Consider getting a group together and having a run.

Have a lovely rest of your week and see you on the playground!

### **Open Morning**

A huge thank you to those parents who were able to help with Open Morning last week. With the help of volunteers and the generous food donations from parents we were able to put on a lovely spread to welcome prospective families to our school. A special thanks to those who stepped in at the last minute to lend a hand when we were short on numbers.

### **Volunteer for Meals on Wheels**

St Cecilia's assists our local Meals on Wheels program each Monday morning. It involves driving and accompanying the Year 5/6 students to deliver meals to recipients in our local area. It generally takes only 1.5 hours (11.40am - 1.10pm). We encourage you to sign up and support this social justice initiative.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aaae2ca6f94-meals1>



The roster can be found through the school website under the School Community/Volunteering tab or click [here](#)

2019 Canteen Menu: click [here](#)



**Upcoming Volunteers:**

Fri 15 March: Terry Murphy and Cheryl Strong

Mon 18 March: Angela Cronin

Wed 20 March: Rachel Keeling and 1 Volunteer required

Friday 22 March: 2 Volunteers required

**Parish News****SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS**

**First Reconciliation Practice** for the children and parents Tuesday 19 March at 4pm in SK Church OR Wednesday 20 March at 7pm in SC Church.

**2019/2020 Children's Sacramental Program**

A copy of the 2019/2020 Children's Sacramental Program for children in Year 2 and older can be downloaded from the parish website at <https://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program/for-parents> and is available at the back of both Churches.

The program starts with a **Sacramental Program Information Meeting** for Parents on **Tuesday 7 May or Wednesday 8 May and Enrolment on Tuesday 21 May.**

Please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or at [sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au) for more information.

**Community News****STELLA MARIS COLLEGE OPEN EVENING**

Wednesday 13 March from 4pm – 7.30pm. For information go to [www.stellamaris.nsw](http://www.stellamaris.nsw)



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